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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM THE U.S.P.T.O.
DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2005

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Dear Commissioner:

A Response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2005 was filed on September 8, 2005. Applicant is submitting herewith a Response to a Communication from the U.S.P.T.O. dated November 22, 2005, for which the deadline for response is December 22, 2005. In response to the Communication dated November 22, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.